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Two convicted of San Pedro murder

LONG BEACH – A Long Beach Superior Court jury today convicted two men of the first-degree murder of a San Pedro woman four years ago.

Deputy District Attorney Julian Recana said the jury deliberated six days before returning verdicts against Raul Tiscareno, 30, and Daniel Keith Martinez, 38. Jurors found the defendants guilty of one count each of first-degree murder with the special circumstance of murder during the commissioner of a robbery and one count each of second-degree robbery.

Jurors also found true the allegations that a principal was armed during commission of the crime. They additionally convicted Martinez of one count of possession of a firearm by a felon, but found not true the allegation that he personally used a firearm to commit the crimes.

Both defendants are due back in trial Judge Mark Kim's court on March 25 for sentencing. Since the District Attorney's Office opted not to seek the death penalty against the defendants, each faces a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Ginie Samayoa, 27, was shot and killed Jan. 30, 2009, while in her car parked near her San Pedro home. Her laptop computer was stolen.

A codefendant was convicted last year and is serving a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of parole.

The defendants were arrested by Los Angeles Harbor Station police detectives after an investigation of the murder. They have remained in custody without bail.